GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TRADE RELATIONS WITH FRANCE .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have established trade relations with France;

(b) if so, the areas in which Indo-French trade was established till March 31, 2000;

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to further expand bilateral trade with France;

(d) if so, the areas identified for the purpose; and

(e) the details of agreements signed between the two countries in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): Our main exports to France are cotton/manmade textiles, castor oil, handicrafts, gems & jewellery, machinery & instruments, agro/organic/inorganic chemicals, leather garments/goods, transport equipments, etc. Our main imports from France are machinery, electronic goods, organic chemicals, transport equipments, iron & steel, project goods, professional instruments, artificial resins, plastic materials, medicinal & pharmaceutical products, vegetable oils, etc.

(c) to (e) : The Indo-French Joint Committee held its 10th Session in Paris on 23rd May, 2000 under the Co-Chairmanship of the respective Commerce Ministers. The two sides agreed to step-up bilateral cooperation in areas such as trade, investment, small and medium enterprises, mines, posts & telecom, energy, agriculture, infrastructure, information technology, bio-technology, consultancy, etc.